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Classified By: Ambassador Alan D. Solomont, Reasons 1.4(b),(d).

- 1.(C) Summary. The Ambassador met with Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba January 18. They discussed additional Spanish law enforcement
- 2.(C) The Ambassador praised Rubalacaba,s support, coordination, and cooperation across the board on law enforcement matters, underscoring USG
- 3.(C) The Ambassador reiterated USG regret that Spanish politician and congressional deputy Gaspar Llamazares, photo had been used to create an Haiti ----- 4 (C) The Ambassador briefed Rubalcaba on the devastation in Haiti and the USG and international reaction to it. He noted the posit EU Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Informal Ministerial -----
- 5.(C) The Ambassador thanked the Minister for his invitation to DHS Secretary Napolitano to visit Toledo January 21-22 to discuss enhanced civi
- 5.(C) The Ambassador reflected positively on Spain,s commitment to take five detainees and urged that Spain accept the first tranche (two detai Al Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb -------
- 6.(C) The Ambassador expressed concern for the three aid workers who were kidnapped in Mauritania by AQIM November 29. He said that the USG war Training Security Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq ---------------------------
- 7.(C) The Ambassador thanked Rubalcaba for Spain,s pledge to send Civil Guard and/or National Police personnel to help train security forces in